

REMARKS

Previously-allowed Claims 8 and 18 are rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of the respective base claim and any intervening claims. Claims that previously depended from Claims 1 or 11 are revised to depend, respectively, from Claims 8 or 18. Claims 1 and 11 are cancelled without prejudice.

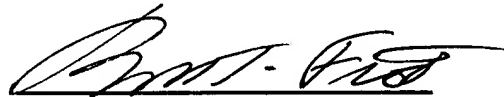
Claims 2, 5, 6, 8-10, 12, 15, 16, 18, and 19 remain.

The Applicants submit that Claims 8 and 18 are allowable, based on the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in the last Office Action. The remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from Claims 8 and 18, and the Applicants submit that those remaining dependent claims likewise are allowable over the art of record.

The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Office Action identified above. All claims remaining in this application should now be allowable, and the Applicants solicit a notice to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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